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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRANSIT VISIT OF KHARTOUM

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1. THE SECRETARY LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING AND HAVING BRIEF DISCUSSIONS WITH SUDANESE OFFICIALS DURING TRANSIT THROUGH KHARTOUM APRIL 13, AND TO MEETING THOSE MEMBERS OF AMERICAN STAFF AND SPOUSES WHO WISH TO BE AT AIRPORT THAT DAY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE POST PROVIDING VERY BRIEF SCENARIO FOR ARRIVAL, MEETINGS AND REFRESHMENTS, AND DEPARTURE, TO ENCOMPASS ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES TOTAL TIME. SECRETARY WOULD PREFER A MINIMUM OF FORMALITY; WE WOULD HOPE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ARRIVAL REMARKS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY, ALTHOUGH WE WILL BE GUIDED BY EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT ON THIS.

2. ARRIVAL IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 1620 LOCAL APRIL 13, ETD
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AT 1750. PLANS ALSO CALL FOR A REFUELING STOP IN KHARTOUM AT 0020 LOCAL ON APRIL 18; ETD AT 0150. MINIMUM ASSISTANCE IS EXPECTED AT THAT TIME.

3. THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS ARE BEING PROVIDED FOR THE SECRETARY'S USE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ADDITIONS, CHANGES OR COMMENTS, AS APPROPRIATE.

-- WE VALUE THE INCREASINGLY CLOSE AND CORDIAL TIES BETWEEN SUDAN AND THE UNITED STATES, BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR (E.G., THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE US-SUDAN BUSINESS COUNCIL AND INCREASED US INVESTMENT).

-- THE REINTEGRATION OF FORMER DOMESTIC OPPONENTS INTO THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY WAS A COURAGEOUS AND STATESMANLIKE ACT CONSISTENT WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S RECORD OF DOMESTIC RECONCILIATION (E.G., THE 1972 ACCORDS WHICH ENDED THE 17 YEAR CIVIL WAR IN SOUTHERN SUDAN).

-- WE RECOGNIZE AND APPLAUD THE KEY MEDIATING ROLE SUDAN IS PLAYING IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST (E.G., THE CHAD/LIBYA CONFLICT AND SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE).

-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING COOPERATION WITH SUDAN AND PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WHEN HE ASSUMES THE MANTLE OF THE OAU CHAIRMANSHIP IN JULY.

-- WE SHARE SUDAN'S CONCERN ABOUT THE EXCESSIVE PRESENCE AND DE-STABILIZING EFFECT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY FORCES IN ETHIOPIA AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA.
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-- IN ERITREA WE HOPE THAT A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION CAN BE ARRIVED AT TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED AND TO NEGATE ANY JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN COMBAT FORCES IN THE CONFLICT.

-- WE RECOGNIZE SUDAN'S SECURITY CONCERNS AND BELIEVE THAT THE SIX C-130S, ALREADY SOLD, AS WELL AS THE 12 F-5S AND AIR DEFENSE RADAR NOW UNDERGOING CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW, WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO AN EASING OF THOSE CONCERNS. THIS IS A MATTER IN WHICH I AM TAKING A CLOSE PERSONAL CONCERN.

-- WE HOPE THAT SUDAN'S TEMPORARY FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WILL BE SOON RESOLVED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE IMF AND SUDAN'S ARAB SUPPORTERS, THEREBY PERMITTING SUDAN TO DEVELOP ITS IMMENSE AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

-- THE 1977 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (\$21.8 MILLION FOR FY 78 AND \$24.2 MILLION PROPOSED FOR FY 79) REFLECTS OUR IMPROVED RELATIONS AND OUR

DESIRE TO ASSIST SUDAN IN THE FIELDS OF TRADITIONAL AGRI-
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